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EAST LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1939.

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FOURTEEN
KILLED IN
WRECKFRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT ON AN
ELECTRIC INTERURBAN
RAILWAY.

RUNAWAY CAR THE CAUSE

DASHED DOWN STEEP GRADE,
COLLIDING WITH CAR
FOLLOWING.

LATTER WAS TELESCOPED

VICTIMS WERE RAILROAD SHOP
EMPLOYEES ON THEIR
WAY TO WORK.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 10.—A runaway car of lumber collided with a crowded passenger car on an electric interurban line between this city and New Westminster early today. Fourteen people were instantly killed, including Motorman Hoburn and Conductor Harris. Seven others were injured, two fatally. None of the others have been identified, but all are believed to have been workmen on their way to the railroad shops at New Westminster.

The passenger car left Vancouver shortly after an electric freight. Three miles out and at the top of a heavy grade, the coupling on the lumber car broke and it started back. It struck the passenger car with such force that the heavy timbers on the flat car slid forward, ripping the passenger car level with the floor. Every person in the car was either instantly killed or badly injured.

PRESIDENT VISITS ONCE
CAPITAL OF CONFEDERACY

Richmond, Va., Nov. 10.—President Taft was heartily welcomed to the former capital of the confederacy today. He was greeted by the Richmond reception committee, headed by Governor Swanson and Mayor Richardson. The day's ceremonies began by the president addressing the members of the Virginia Press association. Later he spoke briefly to a delegation of negroes.

NINE LOSE LIVES
IN MINE EXPLOSION

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 10.—Nine men lost their lives in a fire following an explosion yesterday afternoon

ALL SCHOOLS, PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE, ARE NOW CLOSED

Today found all the schools, both public and private, including the Loretto academy and the Brothers' College on the West Side, and the Normal university closed.

It now develops that both the sectarian institutions on the West Side, obeyed the order of Dr. Des Marais, health officer of the town of Las Vegas, and closed. The Loretto academy closed yesterday morning and the latter this morning. With the public schools closed across the river, this makes every educational institution there, closed.

The last institution to close entirely, was the Normal university of East Las Vegas. Although the preparatory and training school departments of the Normal were dismissed yesterday, the Normal departments proper continued in session. Dr. B. S. Gowen, the president, believing that there was no danger among the older students. However Dr. Des Marais, of the West side, protested vigorously to the Normal remaining open when he had closed every institution of learning on the West Side and even went so far as to say he would re-open the schools over there, unless the Normal closed by noon today.

In order to avoid friction, and also realizing the injustice should the Normal remain open, Dr. Gowen and members of the board of regents of this institution, after a conference this morning, agreed to close this insti-

in the Auchincloss colliery on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad company at Lantierke. A large force of rescuers worked all night in an attempt to save the entombed miners. Several were taken out badly injured, and nine were dead when found. The fire, which followed the explosion, is now under control.

LAS VEGAS COMMANDERY
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Las Vegas Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, elected the following officers last night:
C. D. Boucher, eminent commander; R. W. Hoyt, generalissimo; George H. Kinkel, captain general; J. S. Clark, prelate; M. R. Williams, senior warden; O. L. Gregory, junior warden; J. S. Duncan, treasurer; Charles Tamme, recorder; Jerry Quinn, warden; George Bryan, standard bearer; H. R. Whitlock, sword bearer; Thos. J. Raywood, sentinel; J. W. Leonard, first guard; Ben Coles, second guard; Sam North, third guard.

ATLANTA FIRE CAUSES
PANIC IN A HOTEL

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 10.—Forty guests in the Hotel Windsor narrowly escaped death by suffocation as the result of a fire early this morning in the Western & Atlantic warehouse, which filled this hotel and other adjacent buildings with a dense smoke. For some time the flames threatened to consume the entire block, which is in the heart of the retail district. Several guests of the hotel were unconscious when dragged from their beds by firemen and carried to safety.

METHODISTS HOLDING
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 10.—The annual conference of the general committee of Foreign Missions of the Methodist church opened today. Distinguished Methodist clergymen and laymen from all parts of the world are in attendance, including about twenty-five bishops. The conference is to appportion over a million dollars for missionary work. The delegates will call on Governor Hughes tomorrow.

NOMINATING CANDIDATES
BY PRIMARY ELECTION

Los Angeles, Nov. 10.—A non-partisan primary for the nomination of candidates for municipal offices is being tried in this city today. There are 137 aspirants for twenty-one offices. All the names are arranged alphabetically on the ballot, without party headings. Six are candidates for the mayoralty.

NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRE
WANTS TO BE LAWYER

University of Vermont, Nov. 10.—Charles Rigler, an umpire in the National league, has entered this university as a law student with a view to ultimately taking a degree for practicing law. Rigler umpired the game in Chicago, at which President Taft was a spectator.

TO PROFIT BY
STEINHEIL
TRIALFRANCE WILL MAKE SEVERAL
CHANGES IN COURT
PROCEDURE.CRITICISM IS EFFECTIVE
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PRESS COMMENTS IN THE
UNITED STATES.CHANGE IN PROSECUTOR
PREROGATIVES OF PRESIDING
JUDGE TO BE RESTRICTED
IN THE FUTURE.

Paris, Nov. 10.—At the conclusion of the Steinheil murder case, Minister of Justice Parthoud will propose certain changes of procedure in the courts of France. This decision of the minister was influenced largely by the criticisms expressed in the United States and England of the methods now in vogue, by which the presiding judge appears in the role of prosecutor.

"We would restrict the prerogatives of the judge to a practice more in keeping with that of the courts of the Anglo-Saxon countries," said the minister today. "The general method of the court procedure, however, will not be changed, for it is the opinion of many American lawyers here that in civil cases, the French system of introducing evidence is superior."

GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATES
IN GOOD ROADS WORK

That the United States government is willing to co-operate with the territory and counties in constructing roads which will be of mutual use to government employees and civilians in New Mexico is indicated by the fact that the United States Indian service recently appropriated \$500 to be expended in employing labor on the roads in the vicinity of Santa Fe. The work will be carried on under the supervision of Superintendent C. J. Crandall of the United States Indian school at Santa Fe, who secured the appropriation. The Indian department recently shipped an automobile to Mr. Crandall for his use in making trips to nearby Indian villages and the appropriation for road work followed soon after.

U. S. COURT TAKES RECESS;
PETIT JURY IS EMPANELED

Chief Justice Wm. J. Mills convened United States court this morning and took an adjournment until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The U. S. grand jury has been in session all day, but has not as yet returned any true bills.

N. Segura, of Penasco Blanco, is acting as interpreter to the United States court; Juan Ortega, court bailiff; John Florence, court crier; Antonio Sena, bailiff to the court; Susano Montano, bailiff to the grand jury, and Thos. McElroy, interpreter to the court.

WOULD FORCE JEFFRIES TO
FIGHT KAUFMAN FIRST

New York, Nov. 10.—William Brady, whose dislike for James J. Jeffries, whom he formerly managed, is well known has posted \$10,000 with a local stakeholder with the understanding that the entire sum go to Jeffries if he will fight Al Kauf-

man with the side bet of \$10,000 if Kaufman should be the victor.

Felix Isman of Philadelphia, has covered this, taking the Jeffries end. When the money was up, Isman called on Jeffries, and told him if he beat Kaufman he could get at least \$20,000 for the fight. Jeffries was surprised at the offer and said:

"It's so soft it looks suspicious. Every one knows Brady's dislike for me. I will give my answer this afternoon."

AMATEUR COMIC OPERA
A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

The promoters of "Princess Bonnie," the delightful comic opera given a week ago by local talent, today gave out a statement relative to the receipts and expenditures in connection with the play.

The gross receipts, including tickets and advertising space sold, totaled \$482.25. After deducting the expenses incident to putting on the play, the sum of \$270.10 remains and this money will be placed in bank and used to build a handsome stone coping around Hillside park.

Those having charge of the entertainment in question take occasion to thank all those who helped to make it a success. To those who took an active part in the play especial thanks is extended, while to the merchants who took space on the program and helped by loaning articles and furniture necessary for decorating the stage, the appreciation of those in charge is also evidenced.

The following tabulated report of the receipts and disbursements is given for the information of the public:

Expenses of opera house.....	\$ 43.50
Mrs. Kohn, director	50.00
Score books and music	44.35
Optic Publishing Co.	30.00
Costumes, rented in Denver..	22.50
Orchestra	10.00
Miscellaneous expenses	12.30
Total	\$212.65

INCOMPATIBILITY NO
GROUND FOR DIVORCE

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 10.—Taking exceptions to the granting of divorce on trivial grounds and declaring that the marriage tie "will not be dissolved except for grave and substantial cause," the supreme court of this state has made it difficult to get divorce in Oklahoma. The opinion holds that when action was based on extreme cruelty there must be actual or imminent physical violence and "that incompatibility" is not sufficient ground for divorce.

HYPNOTIST'S SUBJECT
DIES IN A TRANCE

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 10.—While Arthur Everton, self-styled "professor" and traveling hypnotist, sobbed in his cell, three calm medical men witnessed a weird performance in the morgue of the Somerset hospital late yesterday afternoon. There William E. Davenport, secretary to the mayor of Newark, tried without success to bring back signs of life in the rigid body of Robert Simpson, who died in a trance.

MAN PLACED ON TRIAL
FOR FIENDISH ASSAULT

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 10.—The case of the Territory of New Mexico versus Florencio Pfeiffer, indicted by the grand jury, charged with a fiendish assault upon the person of Mrs. Goldie Majoribanks on June 24, last, was taken up in the district court here yesterday afternoon. The territory is represented by District Attorney George S. Klock, John A. White being counsel for the defendant. The work of selecting the jury occupied most of today.

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ARREST OF BIG 4 TREASURER
AND DISCOVERY OF SHORT-
AGE FOLLOWED.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 10.—Expert accountants were today looking into the matter of bond issues and securities which came under the charge of Charles L. Warriner, the deposed treasurer of the Big Four railroad, who is accused of embezzling \$642,000 of the company's funds.

One of the results of the Warriner exposure, it was reported today, is the early removal of the general offices from Cincinnati to Chicago. Warriner dates his downfall from the time he came to Cincinnati from the Cleveland office of the company. He brought with him a shortage of \$30,000. He covered up this only to fall into the hands of a man whom he alleges has blackmailed him ever since.

From a high official source it is learned that the first intimation of impending scandal in the office of the local treasurer of the Big Four came from a Chicago woman, who it is alleged had been sharing in the ill-gotten spoils, and whose income had been shut off.

The woman mentioned by Warriner as one of his alleged blackmailers was discovered in an apartment house here today, where she has been a voluntary prisoner since the discovery of the shortage. She is well known in this city and Chicago. In Chicago she was tried on a charge of having attempted to shoot a man, the latter being also named by Warriner in connection with his blackmailing. A large amount of mail is awaiting the woman at a leading hotel here, where she lived up to a short time ago. It is also stated she has a large amount of money deposited in the hotel safe.

The woman's name is Mrs. Jeanette Stewart, or Ford, as she is also known. She tearfully declared her innocence of all connection with the case.

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the sandhills, where, according to the woman, they treated her in a brutal manner. They also robbed her of several dollars and other valuables and then showed her the lights in the Abajo station house, directed her to go there and told her to release her husband from the box car.

Pfeiffer was arrested at 4 o'clock the next day, charged with being a party to the crime. He was identified by Mrs. Majoribanks and her husband. Several days later Procopio Nunez was arrested as the other accomplice. In a written confession Nunez admitted that he and Pfeiffer did the work, but threw the burden of blame on Pfeiffer, whom he claimed had taken the lead in the whole matter and suggested and urged him to take part in it. Both men were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$12,500 each, and have been in the county jail since.

The grand jury returned four indictments, each against the men—as assault, attempt to rob, robbery and impersonating an officer.

Nunez will probably be tried immediately after the completion of the Pfeiffer case.

Mrs. Josefina Sandoval, grandmother of Albino Jacobson, a pressman employed in The Optic office, died at her home on the West side this morning at an advanced age.